Development of Forest Department in Himachal Pradesh

†2006. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for development of Environment and Forests Department during the last three years;

(b) the amount utilized in the State in this regard; and

(c) the details of specific reasons for non-utilization of funds?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) the details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for development of Environment and Forests and the amount utilized in the State in this regard during the last three years are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The main reason for non-utilisation of the funds is delay in release of funds to the implementing agencies by the State Government.

Statement

Details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for the development of environment and forests

(Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released/ utilised during the last three years	
		Released	Utilised
1.	Eco Development Scheme	152.84	161.99*
2.	Integrated Aforestation and Eco Development Project	169.11	166.10
3.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	372.94	388.02*
4.	Non Timber Forest Produce	71.18	105.78*
5.	FDA	80.00	0.00
6.	Wetlands Conservation Programme	59.26	59.26
7.	Modern Forest Fire Control and Management	80.72	7.02
8.	Development of National Parks and sanctuaries	262.56	99.89

*includes unspent balances from the previous year.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.